

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN THE ZONE

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Great things are happening in the Eastside Promise Zone! Demolition of the Wheatley Courts public housing complex is underway, graduation rate at Sam Houston High School has increased from 46% to 84% in two years, and \$28 million in Promise Zone federal grants have been secured. A job fair will be held on November 18, from 9 a.m.-noon at 2nd Baptist Church at 3310 E Commerce Street; over 50 employers have been invited!

Mike Etienne, PhD, Director, City of San Antonio EastPoint/Promise Zone Office

DEMOLITION OF WHEATLEY COURTS UNDERWAY

The San Antonio Housing Authority has begun demolition of the Wheatley Courts public housing complex. The photos to the right were taken on October 29 and they show the first buildings coming down at the Wheatley site. We are very excited about the progress, as this is among the first visible signs of the revitalization that will result in 417 new, mixed-income units scheduled to be completed by **December 2017**.

DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: The demolition and site work is being done by Franklin Construction Ltd, a local company. The demolition and site work is anticipated to be completed by the end of January 2015. An RFP to solicit developers for the new construction will be released in November 2014 with an anticipated construction start date of March 2015.



PROMISE ZONE IS BRINGING MORE RESOURCES TO THE EASTSIDE

Since the designation of the Eastside as a Promise Zone in January 2014, the City and its partners have secured \$28 million in federal grants. One of the major benefits of the designation is access to federal grants to implement the goals of the Promise Zone to include job creation, education attainment, crime reduction, economic development, reducing poverty, and housing development. To ensure integration, MOUs with applicants are required. The successful grants recipients are:

- **City of San Antonio's Office EastPoint & Real Estate** – \$100,000 in-kind for 5 AmeriCorps VISTAs to assist with the implementation of the Promise Zone designation.

- **City of San Antonio's Department of Human Services** – \$1 million to expand and improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth as it relates to pediatric mental health.

- **San Antonio Independent School District** – \$2.5 million to provide for full service community school at Wheatley Middle School.

- **San Antonio Independent School District** – \$2.3 million School Climate Transformation Grant to implement an existing multi-tiered behavioral framework on the eastside of San Antonio.

- **San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE)** – \$500,000 to develop an economic development strategic plan for the Promise Zone.

- **San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE)** – \$740,000 to address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families through the creation of sustainable business development and employment opportunities.



- **St. Philip's College** – \$2.7 million to address HIV and Hepatitis-C infections and provide prevention services on the campus and surrounding community.

- **Idea Public School** – \$15 million to replicate or expand high-quality charter schools with demonstrated records of success.

- **NALCAB** – \$250,000 to help low-income entrepreneurs gain access to capital to establish and expand their small businesses.

- **George Gervin Youth** – \$500,000 to address substance abuse issues in the Promise Zone.

- **George Gervin Youth** – \$1.1 million to implement an alternative education program that provides classroom instruction and occupational skills training to youth ages 16 – 24.

- **George Gervin Youth** – \$2.1 million to implement a reentry programs for ex-offenders.

READY, SET, WORK! JOB FAIR

The Ready, Set, Work! EastPoint/Promise Zone Job Fair will be held on Nov. 18 at Second Baptist Church from 9 a.m.-noon. The job fair is free and open to all eastside residents. The event is being publicized in La Prensa, SNAP, and social media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. In addition, a street banner will be erected at Houston and New Braunfels to attract participants.



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